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MR. PANVINI: Good afternoon. My name is  
13 Vincent Panvini. I am the political and legislative director  
14 for the Sheet Metal Workers International Association. We  
15 have about 150,000 -- a little over 150,000 members in the  
16 United States and Canada. We manufacture, install, maintain  
17 heating and ventilating air conditioning system,  
18 architectural sheet metal and other miscellaneous metal work  
19 throughout the country.

20 My experience, I've been a union sheet metal  
21 worker for 34 years, starting four years apprenticeship. I  
22 have worked on -- as a journeyman, nuclear power plants in my

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1 home local union in the Philadelphia area. I was an union  
2 steward in nuclear power plants. I also was a business  
3 representative over a nuclear power plant. I also worked on  
4 the maintenance on nuclear power labs in New Jersey and in  
5 Pennsylvania.

6 Just recently, back in the second week of  
7 August, we had our 40th general convention of our  
8 international in Las Vegas, Nevada. At that time of the  
9 convention, we had 21 different committees. One was our  
10 nuclear Hazmat committee, and they took a tour out to the  
11 Yucca Mountain site and recommended and was approved for the  
12 general convention unanimously, and I'll read you the  
13 resolution that we adopted.

1... 14 "Sheet Metal Workers International  
15 Association Labor Resolution in support of nuclear energy and  
16 Yucca Mountain repository. Whereas, our country's economic  
17 future relies on the continued access to safe, reliable and  
18 affordable electrical energy, and whereas, nuclear energy  
19 produces 20 percent of American's electricity from 74  
20 civilian generating facilities located in 41 states, and  
21 whereas, the operation and maintenance of these plants  
22 produces more than 50,000 full time and seasonal jobs for

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1 utility building trade workers annually, and whereas, the  
2 future operation of these viable generating facilities is  
3 threatened because of the United States. Department of  
4 Energy has failed to live up to its legal obligation to  
5 remove the spent Uranium fuel from these plants to a safe,  
6 remote and secure central storage location, and whereas,  
7 Congress is currently considering two bills, HR45 and Senate  
8 Bill 12879 Nuclear Waste Policy Acts of 1999, which would  
9 among other things cause the Department of Energy to create a  
10 storage facility for spent uranium fuel in Yucca Mountain,  
11 which is located in Nevada on the nuclear test range, and  
12 whereas, Yucca Mountain is the most likely site for the  
13 permanent disposal of American's spent uranium fuel with 15  
14 years of scientific testing, pointing to its eventual use as  
15 the permanent repository, and whereas, the AFL/CIO has shown  
16 its support for nuclear energy because of its critical role  
17 as emission free source of electricity that is helping our  
18 country cope with rising concerns about greenhouse gases and  
19 global climate change. Now, therefore, be it resolved that  
20 the 40th general convention of the Sheet Metal Workers  
21 International Association calls upon the U.S. Congress and  
22 the current administration to pass legislation that would

1 cont. 1 require the Department of Energy to immediately begin site  
2 preparation, licensing and transportation activities for a  
3 centralized storage facility that would allow the Department  
4 of Energy to meet its obligation as soon as possible. And  
5 therefore, be it fairly to resolve that the Department of  
6 Energy is forcibly urged to take all necessary action to  
7 support and preserve American civilian nuclear general  
8 capacity as we enter the 21st century." That concludes.  
9 Thank you.

10 MR. LAWSON: Thank you, sir. Next speaker  
11 is Jack Edlow. You're not Jack Edlow.

12 MS. OWENS: No.

13 MR. LAWSON: Then Tom Schatz and Steven  
14 Kraft.